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REFS: A. COLOMBO 1623
B. COLOMBO 1589

1. ALL MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT MAY NOW BE DECLASSIFIED.
FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED 8 APRIL
ON PAGE 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE (COLOMBO) "SUN" NEWSPAPER

UNDER TWO COLUAM HEAD, "CHOLERA
EPIDEMIC SWEEPS MALDIVES; SRI LANKA RUSHES SUPPLIES."
BEGIN TEXT: THE SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY RUSHED
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND VACCINES TO THE MALDIVES TO HELP
OVERCOME A CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN SOME ISLANDS THERE.

2. MEANWHILE BIA (BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)
AND PORT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO CHECK ON ALL
PERSONS FROM THE MALDIVES ENTERING SRI LANKA, WITH A
VIEW TO PREVENT CG THE DISEASE FROM SPREADING HERE.

3. A REUTER REPORT FROM MALE, THE MALDIVIAN CAPITAL,
YESTERDAY STATED: THE DEATH TOLL IN THE GASTRO-
ENTERITIS EPIDEMIC SWEEPING THIS INDIAN OCEAN STATE HAS
RISEN TO 113, THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY ANNOUNCED
HERE.

4. SO FAR FOUR POSITIVE CASES OF CHOLERA, RESULTING IN
ONE DEATH, HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED. FURTHER
TESTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY MEDICAL TEAMS SENT HERE
BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND UNICEF
(THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND).

5. MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HIT BY THE
EPIDEMIC.

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RE6. THE EPIDEMIC, WHICH STARTED IN EARLY JANUARY IN THE
SOUTHERN ATOLL OF LAAM HAS NOW SPREAD TO MORE THAN 40
ISLANDS, INCLUDING THE CAPITAL MALE. BUT THE ISLAND
REPORTS RESERVED FOR FOREIGN TOURISM - ONE OF THE MALDIVES'
MAJOR INDUSTRIES - HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY THE
OUTBREAK. END TEXT.
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